

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 26-29 and 34-38 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 5 and 36, drawn to a TFT array substrate wherein the gate electrode in the thin film transistor section is a branch electrode, and wherein a portion of the branch electrode is defined according to the following formula: $L3 > r + \Delta 1 + 2\Delta 2$;

Group II, claims 6 and 37, drawn to a TFT array substrate wherein the gate electrode in the thin film transistor section is a branch electrode, and wherein a portion of the branch electrode is defined according to the following formula: $L2 > \Delta 1 + 2\Delta 2$;

Group III, claims 9 and 38, drawn to a TFT array substrate wherein the gate electrode in the thin film transistor section is a branch electrode, and wherein a portion of the branch electrode is defined according to the following formula: $R > r + \Delta 1 + \Delta 2$; and

Group IV, claims 26-29 and 35, drawn to a TFT array substrate wherein a semiconductor layer is formed by etching a semiconductor film after a mask material is dropped onto the semiconductor film, and a conductor layer is formed in contact with the semiconductor layer and one of source and drain electrode of the thin film transistor section, and wherein the conductor layer and semiconductor layer having substantially the same shape in the portion formed by dropping a droplet;

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group IV, Claims 26-29 and 35. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1-4, 10, and 34 are generic. Subsequently, Applicants request examination of claims 1-4, 10, 26-29, 34, and 35. In addition, in the event that claim 1 is allowed, Applicants request consideration and allowance of dependent claims 5, 6, and 9 as well.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert Downs, Registration No. 48,222 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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